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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/407,818 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,242,223 B1. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of documents previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in connection with Applicants' prior U.S. Patent No. 6,242,223 B1 (issued June 5, 2001), are not included herewith.

The Examiner's attention is directed to Sanders et al., "New Service Notification." This document was distributed no earlier than September 28, 1997, by the Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology, Creighton University School of Medicine. Subsequently, on or about December 4, 1997, the Center for Research in Anti-Infectives and Biotechnology at Creighton University, with which the inventors are associated, performed the service on at least 10 clinical isolates.

Information Disclosure Statement*Applicant(s): Nancy D. HANSON et al.**Serial No.: 09/814,257**Confirmation No.: 6204**Filed: March 21, 2001**For: PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES*

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Application, as well as any prior art and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Application is provided herewith.

List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial Nos. of Provisional Applications to which listed Application claims priority
Nancy D. Hanson et al.	09/814,252	03/21/01	60/102,181 60/121,765

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

<p>CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this <u>14</u> day of August, 2001.</p> <p><i>Ann M. Mueeting</i></p> <p>Ann M. Mueeting</p>
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